

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated May 6, 2004 and references cited therein, and the Advisory Action mailed September 8, 2004 have been carefully reviewed. In an effort to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance, Applicants have, by this amendment, canceled claims 24, 46, 48, 50-52 and 54-64.

The Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action that claims 16, 18-23, 27, 29, 30, 33-45, 65, 67 and 71-73 are in allowable form.

Applicants submit that all the claims presently pending in above-identified patent application are in allowable form.

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